

Union, Maine

Town of Union

Settled 1774

Founders Day Weekend 2012

July 20th - 22nd

Friday, July 20th

5:30 – 7:30 P.M. *Chamber of Commerce's "Now-Famous" Pie Social and Music on the Common*

Hotdogs, burgers, veggie burgers, pie, and soda, with jazz music by the Breakers, all on the Common. Bring a blanket or chair, if you crave more than a grassy spot. Hosted by the Union Area Chamber of Commerce. Benefits the Chamber's scholarship fund.

5:30 – 7:30 P.M. *Come Spring Bus Tour by the Union Historical Society*

A two-hour narrated bus tour of historic landmarks and sites in Union, featuring those described in Ben Ames Williams' historical novel of Union in the early days. Bus leaves from the Old Town House. Reservations advised (785.5444.)

6:00 – 8:00 P.M. *Canoe Trip on Round Pond*

Guided canoe trip on Round Pond, with Maine Guide Lyle Cramer. Lyle provides the canoes, and will lead the trip and point out the interesting landmarks and historic features along the way. It's a two-hour trip, leaving from and returning to Ayer Park. Reservations are advised (call Lyle at 785.2030), but walk-ups are welcome as space allows. No charge. (Saturday also, on Seven Tree Pond. See below.)

Saturday, July 21st

7:00 – 9:30 A.M. *Pancake Breakfast*

Pancake breakfast, fresh-made as guests arrive, at Peoples United Methodist Church. Supports youth scholarship to Camp Mechuwana.

8:00 A.M. *5K Run from the Fairgrounds to the Common and Back*

Sponsored by the Vose Library. Registration at 7:00 A.M., race at 8:00. Info: Gig Kerr, 785.5653, or www.voselibrary.org.

9:00 A.M. – 4:00 *Golf at the Union Country Club*

Golf, open to the public, at the Union Country Club. Everybody welcome. No tee time necessary. \$10 for 9 holes, or \$15 all day. Benefits the Vose Library. For more info, call Hank Aho at 845.2347, or go to www.unioncountryclub.com. (Sunday also. See below.)

9:00 – 11:00 A.M. *Canoe Trip on Seven Tree Pond*

Similar to the 6:00 P.M. Friday event, except this one is on Seven Tree Pond. Guided and narrated by Lyle Cramer.

9:00 – 10:00 A.M. *Gene Kirkpatrick and His Guitar, at the Bandstand*

Music before the parade!

- 9:00 A.M. – 3:30** ***Vendors and Crafters on the Common***
 Lots of tables and booths, mostly local but many come from a distance. (Bring your own table. No charge for space.) Call Jim Justice, 542.4844, for info. Don't miss the Tumblewood World Games, featuring the new game invented and hand-made right here in Union!
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- 10:00 – 10:30 A.M.** ***Community Parade from the Fire Station to the Common***
 Veterans, Scouts, Midcoast Community Band, floats, antique vehicles, farm vehicles, motorcycles, local businesses, Union Fire Department, Union Ambulance Service, Union Public Works, and many others. Special this year: float contest! The theme for the parade (and the entire weekend) is "Welcome Home, Troops" in honor of our veterans. Call Greg Grotton at 785.2651 for info.
- 10:00 A.M. – 4:00** ***Open House at Matthews Museum***
 Open house (no charge) at the Matthews Museum of Maine Heritage at the Union Fairgrounds. Elements of everyday life from early days in Union and surrounding areas. Plus the giant Moxie Bottle House and more Moxie memorabilia. For more information, see www.matthewsmuseum.org.
- 10:30 A.M. – 3:00** ***Music, Drama, Demonstrations, Games, and Other Entertainment on the Common***
 Midcoast Community Band at the bandstand after the parade from 10:30 till noon, followed at 12:00 noon by the Come Spring Chronicles (see below), and then by Union's own Joe Murphy and his guitar at 1:00, and Richard and Trish Peek with their unique repertoire at 1:30. Plus demonstrations and other events, games for the kids, bounce house, balloons, and more.
- 10:30 A.M. – 2:00** ***Hayrides on the Common***
 Hayrides around the Common, with Jeff McCormick's hay wagon pulled by Greg Grotton's tractor. Kids and grown-ups.
- 11:00 A.M. – 2:00** ***Thompson Community Center Open House***
 The Yellow School Museum Room will be open to the public, with its yearbooks and other memorabilia from the distant past.
- 11:00 A.M. – 1:00** ***Chicken Barbecue on the Common***
 Chicken barbecue with side dishes, prepared by the Union Masonic Lodge and served on the Common, rain or shine. Chicken provided by the Common Market.
- 12:00 – 1:00 P.M.** ***"Come Spring Chronicles" at the Bandstand***
 Special this year: a play consisting of dramatic readings from the Ben Ames Williams historical novel of early Union, with local actors in period costumes. Comedy, pathos, and a glimpse at what life was like for the first settlers in the wilderness of 1774 Maine. Don't miss it!
- 6:00 – 8:00 P.M.** ***Canoe Trip on Seven Tree Pond***
 Sunset trip, guided by Maine Guide Lyle Cramer. (Please see description under the 9:00 A.M. event.)

- 7:00 P.M. *Silent Movie at the Old Town House***
 Silent movie, “Steamboat Bill, Jr” (Buster Keaton, 1928) with Doug Protsik at the piano.
 \$5 at the door. Under 21 and veterans free
- 7:00 – 11:00 P.M. *Country Dance at the Masonic Lodge***
 Traditional country dancing, with the band Sidekick. 7:00 – 11:00 P.M. BYOB. Tickets
 \$10 per person at the door.

Sunday, July 22nd

- 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 *Golf at the Union Country Club***
 Golf, open to the public, at the Union Country Club. Everybody welcome. (Please see
 description under 8:00 A.M. Saturday event.)
- 10:00 – 11:30 A.M. *Outdoor Worship Service on the Common***
 Thirty minutes of gospel music by Phil Clement, Ginny Palmer, and Sybil Wentworth,
 followed by outdoor worship service conducted on the Common by Reverend George
 Hodgkins of the People’s United Methodist Church. In case of rain, service will be held in
 the church building on Depot Street.

For More Information

- Program, schedule, publicity John Gibbons, 542.9098
 Vendors, crafters, events on the Common . . . Jim Justice, 542.4844
 Parade, float contest Greg Grotton, 785.2651
 Come Spring Bus Tour Union Historical Society, 785.5444 (leave msg)
 Canoe trips from Ayer Park Lyle Cramer, 233.2979

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